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SUBJ: FUNDS FOR NARCOTICS INTERDICTION; GOC ATTORNEY GENERAL

REF: STATE 139147 AND BOGOTA 5156

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING KEYED TO QUESTIONS RAISED STATE REFTEL. MISSION AND GOC ATTORNEY GENERAL PREPARED SIGN PROAG AS SOON AS DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION RECEIVED.

2. TRAINING: PROAG STATES THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING 100 JUDICIAL POLICE AGENTS PER YEAR IN NARCOTICS INTERDICTION OVER LIFE OF PROAG (TWO YEARS). IN ADDITION, ATTORNEY GENERAL PLANS ASSIGN SMALL CADRE EXPERIENCED NARCOTICS PERSONNEL TO EACH NEW MIXED NARCOTICS UNIT CONDUCT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING. MISSION WILL RECOMMEND MOST PROMISING MEMBERS ATTORNEY GENERAL NARCO UNITS-- PARTICULARLY ATTORNEY--FOR U.S. CUSTOMS AND DEA TRAINING.

3. LAB EQUIPMENT: GOC BASIC NARCO STATUTE OF 1974 REQUIRES THAT GOVERNMENT LABS ESTABLISH DEGREE OF PURITY OF NARCOTICS SEIZED AND PRESENTED AS EVIDENCE IN COURT PROCEEDING. GRADUATE CHEMIST IN CHARGE OF NATIONAL POLICE LAB--WHO HAS RECEIVED SPECIALIZED DEA NARCOTICS TRAINING--ASSERTS THAT, IN VIEW OF LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR PURITY TEST, POLARIZATION MICRO-SCOPES ARE VERY USEFUL. MISSION HAS NO EXPERTISE MAKE FINAL JUDGEMENT IN THIS MATTER. THEREFORE, SUGGEST THAT LAB EQUIPMENT PROVISIONS PROAG STAND "AS IS" AND THAT

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DEPARTMENT CONSIDER SENDING EXPERT SURVEY CAPABILITIES

AND NEEDS THREE GOC LABORATORIES (NATIONAL POLICE, DAS
AND LEGAL MEDICINE). ONCE SECOND EXPERT OPINION OBTAINED
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